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REDUCING VON WILLEBRAND  
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**DATED** : **March 20, 2007**

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In the claims, column 27, line 34, kindly change

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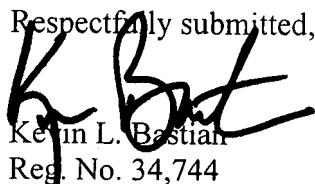
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The amendment filed on 1-30-07 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been entered.

***Conclusion***

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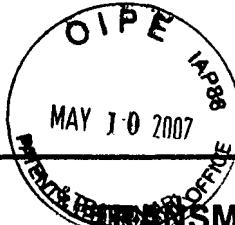
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A method for decreasing levels of vWF or FVIII in an animal, the method comprising

administering to the animal an effective dose of an inhibitor of ST3Gal-IV sialyltransferase enzyme activity, wherein said inhibitor is an analog of a ST3Gal-IV substrate and said animal is suffering from atherosclerosis or a blood clotting disorder, and whereby levels of von Willebrand factor (vWF) or factor VIII (FVIII) in the animal are decreased.

2-5. (Canceled)

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12. (Canceled)

13-28. (Canceled)

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31-36. (Canceled)

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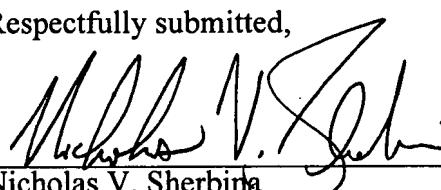
Upon entry of this amendment, claim 12 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 12 in a related, co-pending application.

**CONCLUSION**

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cancels one of the claims and does not touch the merits.

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